UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

BRANDON MONTANE JEFFERSON,

Case No. 3:20-cv-00301-RCJ-CLB

Petitioner,

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ORDER

STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

Respondents.

Brandon Montane Jefferson, a prisoner at Nevada's Ely State Prison, initiated this action *pro se* on May 22, 2020, by submitting to the Court a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (ECF No. 1-1). Jefferson paid the filing fee for this action on June 22, 2020 (ECF No. 4).

The Court has examined Jefferson's habeas petition, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, and determines that it is improper, as it is redundant of another habeas action that he has pending in this Court, Case Number 3:18-cv-00064-HDM-CLB, in which he challenges the same state-court conviction that he challenges in this case. This action is subject to dismissal for this reason. The Court takes judicial notice of the proceedings in Case Number 3:18-cv-00064-HDM-CLB. That case is currently stayed; it was stayed on February 25, 2019, to allow Jefferson to exhaust claims in state court before proceeding in federal court. See Order entered February 25, 2019, in Case Number 3:18-cv-00064-HDM-CLB (ECF No. 34 in that case). The Court notes that Jefferson appears pro se in Case Number 3:18-cv-00064-HDM-CLB. It appears that Jefferson's intention in submitting a petition, initiating this case, may be to resume his federal court habeas litigation after perhaps completing his state court litigation. If that is the case, Jefferson should make a motion in Case Number

3:18-cv-00064-HDM-CLB, informing the Court in that case that the state-court proceedings have been completed, requesting that the stay of his federal habeas action be lifted, and requesting that proceedings in his federal habeas action resume.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this action is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petitioner is denied a certificate of appealability.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

DATED THIS 8th day of July, 2020.

ROBERT C. JONES,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE